
HOUSE BILL 1184

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1 AN ACT Relating to formation of less than county-wide port
2 districts; and amending RCW 53.04.023.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.04.023 and 1992 c 147 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A less than county-wide port district with an assessed valuation of
7 at least seventy-five million dollars may be created in a county
8 (~~bordering on saltwater~~) that already has a less than county-wide
9 port district located within its boundaries. Except as provided in
10 this section, such a port district shall be created in accordance with
11 the procedure to create a county-wide port district.

12 The effort to create such a port district is initiated by the
13 filing of a petition with the county auditor calling for the creation
14 of such a port district, describing the boundaries of the proposed port
15 district, and providing a name for the proposed port district. The
16 petition must be signed by voters residing within the proposed port
17 district equal in number to at least ten percent of such voters who
18 voted at the last county general election.

1 A public hearing on creation of the proposed port district shall be
2 held by the county legislative authority if the county auditor
3 certifies that the petition contained sufficient valid signatures.
4 Notice of the public hearing must be published in the county's official
5 newspaper at least ten days prior to the date of the public hearing.
6 After taking testimony, the county legislative authority may make
7 changes in the boundaries of the proposed port district if it finds
8 that such changes are in the public interest and shall determine if the
9 creation of the port district is in the public interest. No area may
10 be added to the boundaries unless a subsequent public hearing is held
11 on the proposed port district.

12 The county legislative authority shall submit a ballot proposition
13 authorizing the creation of the proposed port district to the voters of
14 the proposed port district, at any special election date provided in
15 RCW 29.13.020, if it finds the creation of the port district to be in
16 the public interest.

17 The port district shall be created if a majority of the voters
18 voting on the ballot proposition favor the creation of the port
19 district. The initial port commissioners shall be elected at the same
20 election (~~as provided in RCW 53.12.050~~), but the election of
21 commissioners shall be null and void if the port district is not
22 created. Commissioner districts shall not be used in the initial
23 election of the port commissioners.

24 This section shall expire July 1, 1997.

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